DAYTON TOWNSHIP (N といみのう) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2004

Michigan Deptartment of Treasury 496 (2-04) Auditing Procedures Report

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Yes	√ No	1. Ce	rtain component units/	funds/agencies	s of the local unit are ex	cluded from th	e financia	al statem	ents.
Yes No 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.F. 275 of 1980).									
✓ Yes	☐ No		ere are instances of a ended).	non-complianc	e with the Uniform Acc	counting and E	Budgeting) Act (P.	A. 2 of 1968
Yes	√ No	4. The	e local unit has violat uirements, or an order	ted the conditi	ions of either an order the Emergency Municipa	issued under al Loan Act.	the Mu	nicipal Fi	nance Act or
Yes	es No 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]).								
Yes	√ No	6. The	local unit has been d	elinquent in dis	stributing tax revenues th	nat were collec	ted for ar	nother ta	xing unit.
Yes	✓ No	7. pen	sion benefits (normal	costs) in the o	utional requirement (Art current year. If the plan quirement, no contribution	is more than	100% fui	nded and	the overfund
Yes	✓ No	8. The (MC	local unit uses credi L 129.241).	it cards and h	as not adopted an app	licable policy	as requi	red by P	.A. 266 of 19
Yes	✓ No	9. The	local unit has not ado	pted an investi	ment policy as required I	by P.A. 196 of	1997 (M	CL 129.9	5).
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Accountant	Signature	Hen	de				Date 9/2	8/04	,

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Board Members

Holly Moon	Supervisor
Paul Edbrooke	Clerk
Vicki Kunnen	Treasurer
Robert Kole	Trustee
Shirley Hooker	Trustee





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Township Board Dayton Township Fremont, MI

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the combined financial statements of Dayton Township as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's board. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and with the standards prescribed by the state treasurer. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the board, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly in all material respects the financial position of Dayton Township, as of March 31, 2004 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and with applicable rules and regulations of any state department or agency.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental financial information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the combined financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the combined financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Hendon & Slate, P.C.

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September 15, 2004

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Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups March 31, 2004

	Totals (Memo Only)	\$ 301,786 7,690 931 48,302	\$ 358,709	\$ 50,529 931 1,044	52,504	48,302	14,630 243,273	306,205	\$ 358,709
Account Group	General Fixed <u>Assets</u>	\$ - - - 48,302	\$ 48,302	· · ·	•	48,302		48,302	\$ 48,302
Fiduciary Fund Types	Agency	\$ 1,975	\$ 1,975	\$ - 931 1.044	1,975	•	-		\$ 1,975
Governmental Fund Types	Special Revenue	\$ 14,630	\$ 14,630	· · ·	•	ı	14,630	14,630	\$ 14,630
Gov	General	\$ 285,181 7,690 931	\$ 293,802	\$ 50,529	50,529	ı	243,273	243,273	\$ 293,802
	Assets and Other Debits	Cash and Investments Taxes Receivable Due From Other Funds General Fixed Assets	Total Assets and Other Debits	Liabilities, Fund Equity, and Other Credits Liabilities Accounts Payable Due to Other Funds Due to Other Governments	Total Liabilities	Fund Equity and Other Credits Investments in General Fixed Assets Fund Balance - Designated	Capital Improvements Fund Balance - Undesignated	Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

	General <u>Fund</u>	Special Revenue <u>Fund</u>	Totals (Memo Only)
Revenues			
Taxes and PTAF	\$ 63,144	\$ -	\$ 63,144
State Grants	141,717	-	141,717
Charges for Services	1,100	-	1,100
Interest Earned	5,259	399	5,658
Fire Special Assessment	39,176	-	39,176
Fire Reimbursement	100	-	100
Other Revenue	<u>6,764</u>		<u>6,764</u>
Total Revenues	257,260	399	257,659
Expenditures			
Legislative	15,224	-	15,224
General Government	63,489	-	63,489
Public Safety	70,091	-	70,091
Public Works	77,799	-	77,799
Other Functions	13,150		13,150
Total Expenditures	239,753		239,753
Excess Revenues Over (Under)			
Expenditures	17,507	399	17,906
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	4,563	-	4,563
Operating Transfers Out	-	<u>(4,563</u>)	<u>(4,563</u>)
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	4,563	_(4,563)	-
Excess Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures			
and Other Financing Uses	22,070	(4,164)	17,906
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	221,203	18,794	_239,997
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 243,273</u>	<u>\$ 14,630</u>	<u>\$ 257,903</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

pmi	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)			399				.	399	(4,563)	(4,563)	\$ (4,164)	!	
Special Revenue Fund	Actual	\$ - - 399	• • •	399		ı	• • •		399	(4,563)	(4,563)	(4,164)	18,794	\$ 14,630
	Amended Budget	· · · · ·		•		•	· · ·		•		•	ا. ا		
	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	\$ 6,144 18,717 (50) (1,781)	39,176 (700) (111,11)	60,395	2,226	828 8.264	1,176	16,852	77,247	4,563	4,563	\$ 81,810		
General Fund	Actual	\$ 63,144 141,717 1,100 5,259	39,176 100 6,764	257,260	15,224	63,489 70.091	77,799 13,150	239,753	17,507	4,563	4,563	22,070	221,203	\$ 243,273
	Amended <u>Budget</u>	\$ 57,000 123,000 1,150 7,040	800	196,865	17,450	04,31 <i>/</i> 78,355	78,975 17,508	256,605	(59,740)		1	<u>\$ (59,740)</u>		
	Revenues	Taxes and PTAF State Grants Charges for Services Interest Earned Fire Special A seasoment	Fire Reimbursement Miscellaneous	Total Revenues	Expenditures Legislative	Public Safety	Public Works Other Functions	Total Expenditures	Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses) Operating Transfers In Operating Transfers Out	Total Financing Sources (Uses)	Excess Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	Fund Balance - End of Year

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Notes to Combined Financial Statements March 31, 2004

NOTE A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Dayton Township conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of significant policies:

A. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Township are organized on the basis of funds or account groups, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures. The various funds are summarized by type in the financial statements. The following fund types and account groups are used by the Township.

Governmental Fund Types - Governmental Funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Township are financed. The acquisition, use, and balances of the Township's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of changes in financial position, rather than upon net income determination. The following are the Township's governmental fund types:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Township. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund - The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. The Special Revenue Fund maintained by the Township is the Capital Improvement Fund.

<u>Fiduciary Funds</u> - These funds, used to account for assets held as an agent for others, include the Tax Account.

Account Groups - The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets and long-term liabilities associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that only current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balance (net current assets) is considered a measure of "available spendable resources". Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period. Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, rather than in governmental funds. Public Domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, including roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, street and sidewalks, drainage systems, and lighting systems, are not capitalized.

Such assets normally are immovable and of value only to the Township. Therefore, the purpose of stewardship for capital expenditures is satisfied without recording these assets. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets.

Assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds and were capitalized at cost in the general fixed assets account group.

The account group is not a "fund". It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position. It is not involved with measurement of results.

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental fund types is limited to exclude amounts represented by noncurrent liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities. They would instead be reported as liabilities in a General Long Term Debt Account Group.

B. Basis of Accounting

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the governmental funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred, if measurable.

Licenses and permits, charges for services, and miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

C. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Township follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

- 1. Prior to March 31, the Township board reviews a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following April 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. Public hearings are conducted at the Township hall to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. At the first regular meeting of the fiscal year, the budget is legally adopted.
- 4. Formal budgetary integration is not employed for any fund. However, informational summaries are prepared for all funds to serve as a management tool and are presented to the Township board for consideration.
- 5. The budget for the General Fund was adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles to the activity level.
- 6. P.A. 621 of 1978, Section 18(1), as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated. Dayton Township has amended the budget periodically throughout the year by Board resolution at the monthly meetings. However, there were some instances of expenditures exceeding the budgeted amount. The following expenditures exceeded their budgeted amount:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Treasurer	\$ 13,450	\$ 13,519	\$ (69)
Fire Protection	40,805	47,438	(6,633)
Parks and Recreation	-	2,175	(2.175)

D. Property Taxes

Property Taxes attach as enforceable liens on property as of December 31. Taxes are levied on December 1 of the following year and are payable from the date of levy through February 28. Taxes levied December 1 are recognized as revenue when they become available for appropriation, which is the fiscal year during which they are levied. The Township bills and collects its own property taxes.

E. Encumbrances

The Township does not have an encumbrance system.

F. Total Data

The total data presented in the combined financial statements are the aggregate of the fund types and account groups. No consolidating or other eliminations were made in arriving at the totals; thus they do not represent consolidated information.

G. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimated.

NOTE B

REPORTING ENTITY

The financial statements include all activities of the Township. There are no governmental departments, agencies, institutions, commissions, public authorities or organizations within the Township, which its elected officials may exercise oversight responsibility, that have been excluded. Oversight responsibility is considered to be derived from the Township's power and includes, but is not limited to, financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters.

NOTE C

CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits and investments are carried at cost. Cash deposits of the Township are held at Gerber Employees Federal Credit Union in the name of the Township. Act 217, P.A. 1982, authorizes the Township to deposit and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, insured credit unions and savings and loan associations; bonds and other direct obligations of the United States or an agency, or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan; obligations in the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions, and commercial paper within three (3) highest classifications by at least two (2) rating services, maturing no later than 270 days. Michigan law prohibits security in the form of collateral, security bonds, or other forms for the deposit of public money.

Balances at March 31, 2004 related to cash and investments are detailed on the combined balance sheet as follows:

Totals (Memo Only)

Cash and Investments

<u>\$ 301,786</u>

Cash consists of money market, bank savings, and bank checking accounts. Investments consist of certificates of deposit, which the Township held during the year. As of March 31, 2004, the Township held no certificates of deposit.

<u>Deposits</u> - At March 31, 2004 the cash deposits covered by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUSIF) are itemized as follows:

Demand Deposits (NCUSIF Insured): Tax Checking General Fund Checking	Carrying <u>Amount</u> \$ 1,8831,525	Market <u>Value</u> \$ 2,792
Total Demand Deposits covered by NCUSIF Insurance	3,408	4,317
Time Deposits (NCUSIF Insured): Tax Savings General Fund Savings Capital Improvement Fund - Savings	93 85,277 14,630	93 85,277
Total Time Deposits covered by NCUSIF Insurance	100,000	100,000
Total Deposits covered by NCUSIF Insurance	103,408	104,317
Time Deposits (Uninsured): General Fund Savings	198,378	198,378
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 301,786</u>	<u>\$ 302,695</u>

The Township believes that due to the dollar amounts of cash deposits and the limits of NCUSIF insurance, it is impractical to insure all bank deposits. As a result, the Township evaluates each financial institution with which it deposits Township funds and assesses the level of risk of each institution; only those institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as depositories.

NOTE D

CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance <u>4/01/03</u>	Additions (Deductions)	Balance <u>3/31/04</u>	
Land	\$ 800	\$ · -	\$ 800	
Land Improvements	9,155	4,563	13,718	
Building	13,667	-	13,667	
Furniture and Equip.	13,193	-	13,193	
Software	5,424	-	5,424	
Voting Machines	1,500		1,500	
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 43,739</u>	<u>\$ 4,563</u>	<u>\$ 48,302</u>	

NOTE E

INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The Township's interfund receivables and payables are as follows:

General Fund - Due from Agency Fund

\$ 931

Agency Fund - Due to General Fund

\$ 931

NOTE F

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Township carries commercial insurance. Liabilities in excess of insurance coverage, if any, are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual General Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

			Variance
			Favorable
Revenues	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	(Unfavorable)
Taxes			
Property Taxes	£ 44.000	Ф 44.010	Φ 010
Administration Fees	\$ 44,000 13,000	\$ 44,810	\$ 810
Penalty and Interest	13,000	15,285 3,049	2,285
to street, and morest	****	<u> </u>	3,049
Total Taxes	57,000	63,144	6,144
State Grants - State Shared Revenue	123,000	141,717	18,717
Charges for Services - Other Fees	1,150	1,100	(50)
Interest Earned	7,040	5,259	(1,781)
Fire Special Assessment	-	39,176	39,176
Fire Reimbursements	800	100	(700)
Other Revenue	<u>7,875</u>	6,764	_(1,111)
Total Revenues	196,865	257,260	60,395
Expenditures			
Legislative			
Salaries	3,500	2,875	625
Professional Services	8,750	7,356	1,394
Printing and Publishing	2,000	756	1,244
Memberships and Dues	1,300	1,281	19
Education and Training	1,500	211	1,289
Miscellaneous	400	<u>2,745</u>	(2,345)
Total Legislative	17,450	15,224	2,226
General Government			
Supervisor			
Salaries	9,500	9,500	-
Deputy's Wages	-	208	(208)
Transportation & Supplies	<u>875</u>	<u>655</u>	220
	10,375	10,363	12
Assessor			
Supplies and Cardwork	19,500	19,244	256
Professional Services	500	400	<u> </u>
	\$ 20,000	\$ 19,644	\$ 356

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Elections	-		
Wages		\$ 393	
Supplies		<u> 386</u>	
	\$ 790	779	\$ 11
Clerk			
Salaries	9,500	9,500	-
Deputy's Wages	900	900	-
Supplies and Transportation	842	557	<u>285</u>
	11,242	10,957	285
Board of Review			
Salaries		1,800	
Supplies		<u>134</u>	
	2,100	1,934	166
Treasurer			
Salaries	8,300	11,183	(2,883)
Deputy's Wages	900	900	-
Supplies and Communication	<u>4,250</u>	1,436	<u>2,814</u>
	13,450	13,519	(69)
Buildings and Grounds			
Utilities		2,237	
Repairs and Maintenance		499	
	2,800	2,736	64
Cemetery			
Contracted Services		2,850	
Supplies		707	
	<u>3,560</u>	3,557	3
Total General Government	64,317	63,489	828
Public Safety			
Fire Protection			
Contracted Services		46,962	
Miscellaneous		<u>476</u>	
	\$ 40,805	\$ 47,438	\$ (6,633)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund (Continued)

	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Planning and Zoning			
Salaries		\$ 8,685	
Supplies		195	
Printing and Publishing		2,559	
Contracted Services		11,214	
	<u>\$ 37,550</u>	22,653	<u>\$ 14,897</u>
Total Public Safety	78,355	70,091	8,264
Public Works			
Roads - Contracted Services	74,000	73,088	912
Parks and Recreation - Contracted Services	-	2,175	(2,175)
Drains - Contracted Services	4,975	2,536	2,439
Total Public Works	78,975	77,799	1,176
Other Functions			
Insurance	5,120	5,102	18
FICA Tax	4,000	3,485	515
Capital Outlay	8,388	4,563	3,825
Total Other Functions	17,508	13,150	4,358
Total Expenditures	256,605	239,753	16,852
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(50.740)	17.507	55.045
Expenditures	(59,740)	17,507	77,247
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Operating Transfers In	<u> </u>	4,563	4,563
Excess Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other			
Financing Uses	<u>\$ (59,740</u>)	22,070	<u>\$ 81,810</u>
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		221,203	
Fund Balance End of Year		<u>\$ 243,273</u>	

Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities All Agency Funds For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Balance <u>4/01/03</u>	Additions	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance 3/31/04
Assets Cash - Tax Collection	<u>\$ 655</u>	<u>\$ 1,453,583</u>	<u>\$ 1,452,262</u>	<u>\$ 1,976</u>
Liabilities Due to Other Funds Due to Schools Due to Intermediate Schools Due to County and State Ed. Tax Due to Library	\$ 281 212 46 104 	\$ 98,037 500,287 250,276 541,153 63,830	\$ 97,387 500,499 249,842 541,135 63,399	\$ 931 - 480 122 443
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 655</u>	<u>\$ 1,457,583</u>	<u>\$ 1,452,262</u>	<u>\$ 1,976</u>



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September 16, 2004

Township Board Dayton Township Newaygo County, Michigan

Dear Board Members:

We have recently completed an audit of the financial statement of Dayton Township as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004. In connection with our audit, we reviewed the Township's accounting procedures. In that regard we offer the following comments and recommendations.

Books and Records

We would like to commend the clerk and treasurer for the condition of the books and records. There were only two issues that could potentially be improved upon. The first issue was due to the fact that the prior year's adjusting journal entries were not entered into the software system. To correct this, we needed to prepare a correcting entry to get the beginning balances in line with the March 31, 2003 final balances. We have provided a copy of this correcting entry that will need to be entered by the Township into the software system as of March 31, 2003.

The only other area of the accounting system that could be improved upon is related to the cash accounts. We needed to make several entries to correct and reclassify certain transactions. We have provided all of the entries that need to be entered into the accounting system as of March 31, 2004. Once these entries have been entered (after the March 31, 2003 correcting entry is recorded), the Township's financial statements from the software system should appear exactly as those that we have provided along with the journal entries. In addition, we recommend that the clerk and treasurer reconcile their respective cash balances at the end of each month. Comparing these balances should help to maintain the correct balances in the software system.

We would like to note that we have added some accounts and edited the names of some current accounts within the accounting system. We have done this in order to make necessary corrections as well as to make it more clear which accounts are old and should no longer be used. To assist in making these changes, we have provided a copy of the chart of accounts as it should appear in the Township's software system. We will be happy to assist with the entry of all necessary entries as well as additions and changes to the chart of accounts.

Budget Overexpenditures

The Board did a good job of amending the budget as necessary to avoid budget overexpenditures. However, we did note a few instances of expenditures exceeding the budgeted amount. We recommend that the Board continue to be cognizant of the need to compare actual expenditures with the budget on a regular basis and make necessary adjustments needed to avoid overexpenditures.

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This year will be the last year that your financial statements will look as they do. Your financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2005 will need to incorporate the modifications as required by GASB 34. We, of course, will be working together with the Township to ensure that you are in compliance. As part of this, we are scheduled to attend an up-coming board meeting to review these changes with the Board and discuss the options which are available.

Thank you for the courtesy extended to us during our audit. If you have any questions regarding the audit report, this letter, or any other communication, please do not hesitate to call. We look forward to continuing to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

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